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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER		2. DATE OF FILING
The Groton Independent		9-18-03
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE
Weekly	52	$31.80

4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION (Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)
16 Main Street, PO Box 588, Groton, SD 57445

5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER (Not printers)
Same

6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER:
Stacy L. Swenson

7. OWNER (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.

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9. EXTENT AND NATURE OF CIRCULATION	AVERAGE NO. COPIES EACH ISSUED PRECEDING 12 MONTHS	ACTUAL NO. COPIES ISSUED NEAREST TO FILING DATE
A. TOTAL NO. COPIES (Net Press Run)	650	650
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales.	170	155
2. Mail Subscription (Paid and or requested)	385	401
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION (Sum of 9B1 and 9B2)	505	556
D. FREE DISTRIBUTION 1. BY MAIL, CARRIER OR OTHER MEANS	0	0
2. SAMPLES, COMPLIMENTARY AND OTHER FREE COPIES	49	49
E. TOTAL DISTRIBUTION (Sum of C, D1 and D2)	579	605
F. COPIES NOT DISTRIBUTED 1. Office use, left over, unaccounted, spoiled after printing	71	45
2. Return from News Agents	0	0
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SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER
Stacy L. Swenson

State of South Dakota)
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County of Brown)

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Sworn to before me this 18th day of September, 2003

Notary Public

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